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Mental Hospital, Kozhikode

* 878 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to provide electric supply to the Government Mental Hospital at Kozhikode, Malabar?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government considered the question of electrification of the Government Mental Hospital, Kozhikode, but the same was deferred on financial grounds. However, the question of providing two plug connections in the Government Mental Hospital, Kozhikode, for giving electric shock theraphy to the patients, is now under the active consideration of the Government."

House-sites for Harijans in Tanjore

* 879 Q.—Sri A. K. SUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Harijans have applied for the grant of house-sites in Tanjore district in 1954; and

(*b*) how many out of them have been granted sites?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) 950.

" (*b*) 410."

Government paddy godowns

* 880 Q.—Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have decided to close down the Government godowns stocking paddy;

(*b*) the total number of staff, likely to be retrenched as a result of closing down the godowns in each district; and

(*c*) what steps the Government propose to take for absorbing the retrenched staff in other Government departments?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) A statement [a] showing the details of the staff sanctioned in respect of the godowns in each district is placed on the table of the House. It is not possible to say how much of the staff will be actually sent away. The Government of India are taking over the godown staff to the extent possible along with the transfer of stocks. All other temporary employees will be retrenched from the Department following the closure of the godowns.

" (*c*) As already stated the Government of India are taking over the staff to the extent possible. The other retrenched staff can avail themselves of the various concessions granted by this Government and the Central Government for absorption in other Departments."

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[a] Printed as Appendix on pages 446–447 infra.